

**Supplementary data material 3, Table S1.** Number of attempts by tercile successive periods.

	Ultrasound-guided method	p*		Landmark method	p*
	median [IQR]			median [IQR]	
		p=0.272			p= 0.306
Period 1 n=19	3 [1-6.5]		Period 1 n=19	3[1.5-5]	
Period 2 n=19	1 [1-3]		Period 2 n=19	2[1-3.5]	
Period 3 n=18	2[1-3.75]		Period 3 n=19	2 [1-3]	

\* comparisons between periods in each group were performed using the Kruskal-Wallis test for independent samples